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**Bill No. 1049**

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE LOCATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46a-13k of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (b) The Office of the Child Advocate shall be in the [Freedom of  
5 Information Commission] Department of Administrative Services for  
6 administrative purposes only.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 20-280 of the general statutes is  
8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
9 *1, 2005*):

10 (e) The board, subject to the provisions of chapter 67, may employ  
11 an executive director and such other personnel as may be necessary to  
12 carry out the provisions of sections 20-279b to 20-281m, inclusive. The

13 board may enter into such contractual agreements as may be necessary  
14 for the discharge of its duties, within the limit of its appropriated  
15 funds and in accordance with established procedures, as it deems  
16 necessary in its administration and enforcement of said sections. It  
17 may appoint committees or persons to advise or assist the board in  
18 such administration and enforcement as it may see fit. Said board shall  
19 be within the [office of the Secretary of the State] Office of Policy and  
20 Management for administrative purposes only.

21 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 28-1a of the general statutes is  
22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
23 *passage*):

24 (a) There is established a Department of Emergency Management  
25 and Homeland Security. [, which shall be within the Office of Policy  
26 and Management for administrative purposes only.] Said department  
27 shall be the designated emergency management and homeland  
28 security agency for the state. The department head shall be the  
29 commissioner, who shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance  
30 with the provisions of sections 4-5, 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8 with the powers  
31 and duties prescribed in said sections. The commissioner shall possess  
32 professional training and knowledge consisting of not less than five  
33 years of managerial or strategic planning experience in matters relating  
34 to public safety, security, emergency services and emergency response.  
35 No person possessing a record of any criminal, unlawful or unethical  
36 conduct shall be eligible for or hold such position. Any person with  
37 any present or past political activities or financial interests that may  
38 substantially conflict with the duties of the commissioner or expose  
39 such person to potential undue influence or compromise such person's  
40 ability to be entrusted with necessary state or federal security  
41 clearances or information shall be deemed unqualified for such  
42 position and shall not be eligible to hold such position. The  
43 commissioner shall be the chief administrative officer of the  
44 department and shall have the responsibility for providing a  
45 coordinated, integrated program for state-wide emergency

46 management and homeland security. The commissioner may do all  
 47 things necessary to apply for, qualify for and accept any federal funds  
 48 made available or allotted under any federal act relative to emergency  
 49 management or homeland security.

50 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The State Comptroller, the  
 51 Commissioner of Administrative Services and the Chief Information  
 52 Officer of the Department of Information Technology shall report, on a  
 53 quarterly basis, to the Governor and the General Assembly, on the  
 54 CORE-CT system. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the  
 55 status of the implementation of the system, the anticipated completion  
 56 date, the total cost to date and projected costs for the next three fiscal  
 57 years, other required software or hardware necessary for successful  
 58 implementation and any associated costs, the date and costs of future  
 59 upgrades, the level of cooperation from vendors and state agencies,  
 60 any administrative or legislative obstacles to implementation, and any  
 61 other issues surrounding the CORE-CT system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	46a-13k(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	20-280(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	28-1a(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*